

Casey Co. ATC Students Continue Reign as Winners of the “Great Outhouse Blowout”



KY Tech Express 1 – from left to right: Electricity and Welding Student Chris Carman, Horticulture Student Jared Howard, Automotive Technology and Electricity Student Jason Sanders, Electricity Student Kellan Sanders, and standing next to the trophy in the front is Electricity Student Josh Gross.

For the past four years, Casey Co. ATC instructors and students have had the distinct honor of winning first place in the “Great Outhouse Blowout” held at Penn’s Store in Gravel Switch, KY.

During this year’s race four KY Tech teams were heralded as champions: KY Tech Express 1 – 1st place overall winner: Kentucky Tech Express 2 – 3rd place; the Pink Panthers - “Most Creative” award; and the Powder Puffs won the “Longest Haul” award.

Teams are composed of five people - four who push the “outhouse race car” and one who sits on the “privy.”

Four ATC instructors including Automotive Technology Instructor Darrell Barlow, Welding Instructor

Adam Hines, Horticulture Instructor David Smithers, and Electrical Technology Instructor Mike True worked with approximately thirty students to wipe up a flushing victory.

"This was a joint venture between our KY SkillsUSA and FFA Horticulture students. I'm proud of all of our students because they worked well together in their respective teams. For the first time ever, we had two girls' teams and they represented our school very well. The Pink Panthers lost to a Marion Co. ATC boy's team by just inches. I'm told that if we can get more girls involved, they will create a girls category," says True. "I would like to challenge each of the other ATC's in the system to compete against us. We believe someone out there can at least get second place running against us."

Photo: Marion Co. ATC boys' team competes against the Casey Co. ATC Pink Panthers team. The girls made a great showing and only lost the race by inches.



Photo at right: The Powder Puffs proudly display their “Longest Haul” Award. From left to right: Horticulture Student Christina Snow, Welding Student Tiffany Trulock, Electricity and Automotive Technology Student Ashley Wilson, Horticulture and Automotive Technology Student Ashley Clements, and Automotive Technology Student Amanda Hittle. (Not pictured is Automotive Technology Student Maranda A. Durham.)



Photo at left: The Pink Panthers gather together to show off their “Most Creative” prize award. From left to right: Automotive Technology and Horticulture Student Corey Brown, Horticulture Student Tori Clements, Automotive Technology and foreign exchange student Mariana Valdez, Horticulture Student Jerrica Payton, and Automotive Technology Student Meranda G. Durham.





**KY Tech Express 2 - left to right:
Automotive Technology Student Zach
Weddle; Welding, Electricity and Automotive
Technology Student Tyler Hale; Electricity
Student Travis Hatter, Automotive
Technology and Electricity Student Kyle
Hundley, and Electricity and Automotive
Technology Student Justin Crowe.**

“Over the years, we have worked with the high school science department during our time trials. The students have benefited because they have been able to blend their technical skills with academic theory,” says Barlow. “We enjoy the camaraderie with the students and the competition. This year, our kids had to run against some college students and we were still victorious. It gives me great pleasure to see our students step up to the challenge and be successful. We are looking to build a new outhouse race car for next year – and we are looking at using carbon fiber. It’s expensive, but hopefully, we can find funding to continue our reign as being #1 in this race.”

"This is an activity that both the students and teachers get excited about because it's a competition. At the same time, they can actually apply the skills they have been learning in their program areas to a specialized project," says Casey Co. ATC Principal David Horseman. “It has also been a pleasure to collaborate with our academic counterparts in the science and art departments. These types of activities



help create a good working relationship with local district personnel. Everyone works hard, learns a lot and the relationships develop into a solidified team. It's been great to showcase the trophies in the main hall for all to see. This event and subsequent success has created an atmosphere of pride and unity throughout the school."

**Group Photo of all the Casey Co. ATC
"Great Outhouse Race" Teams**



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